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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT: Activities Report for Operations Branch
28 December 1959 Thru 3 January 1960

1. CHALICE Section

a. Continued weather alerts for Middle East missions. Unfavorable weather precluded mission alerts.

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b. Implemented new [] message procedure. This amounts to canning the mission completely with pre-prepared messages to trigger. Only the control time need be added. Objective is to cut time-lag.

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c. Revised [] message format to enable [] to eliminate time consuming duplicate mission route checking. 25X1A

d. Received approval for [] mission and prepared mission routes. 25X1A

e. Pending actions:

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(1) Operation [] SQUARE DEAL.

2. CORONA Section

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a. CORONA Mission 9006 now scheduled for 19 January 1960. Planning factors have been prepared and have been given to PIC, [] and []. 25X1A

b. Pending actions: None

3. Intelligence Section

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a. Attended two ARC meetings. Primary discussions were concerning highest priority targets and selected details of same.

b. Received and plotted [] ELINT requirements for next quarter.

c. Prepared [] briefings aids and target justifications.

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d. Pending actions: None

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4. Requirements Section

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[Redacted]

missions on 11 and 12 January 1960; however, both NRL and Eglin preferred 19 and 20 January.

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b. [Redacted] visited [Redacted] and [Redacted] 25X1A

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[Redacted] on 28 and 29 December 1959. (See Trip Report for full details). 25X1A

c. Pending actions:

(1) Subject: Homer Beacon
Date: 15 December 1959
Action: Chief, Development Branch

(2) Subject: C-130-B Requirements
Date: 25 November 1959
Action: Chief, Developments Branch

(3) Subject: [Redacted]
Date: 31 December 1959
Action: DD/P has approved and paper work is now in the Material Branch. The Requirements Section will finalize plans and coordinate program as required. 25X1A

(4) Subject: [Redacted]
Date: 31 December 1959
Action: Status same as c above 25X1A

(5) Subject: X-15 Suit Helmet
Date: 15 November 1959
Action: Mr. Carmine Vito

(6) Subject: [Redacted]
Date: 27 October 1959
Action: Chief, Developments Branch 25X1A

5. Communications Section

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a. Arrangements were made with Headquarters AAC to improve patch service to [Redacted]

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b. Arrangements continued with [Redacted] for the installation of an expanded communications station at [Redacted] 25X1C

c. Pending actions: None

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6. Air Support Section 25X1A

a. Prepared memorandum to [redacted] requesting assistance in making available U. S. Air Attaché's plane (located Havana, Cuba) for airlift of approximately 6000 pounds of classified documents from Havana to Homestead Air Force Base, Florida.

25X1A b. Briefed [redacted] on December air operations in the Far East and elaborated on maintenance and timing difficulties encountered.

25X1A c. Sent cable to [redacted] requesting that he brief General O'Donnell on requirements for USAF support involving Agency air operations in the Far East.

25X1A d. Sent cable to [redacted] pointing out navigator deficiency and requesting action be initiated to have four crews fully trained for February operations. Emphasis on navigational training were stressed. Criteria for navigator recruitment was furnished [redacted] and requested he recruit three immediately.

25X1 e. Prepared financial brief for Project [redacted] Total [redacted] 25X1A billings to date [redacted] Still to be heard from are [redacted]

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25X1A g. The Field and appropriate Headquarters elements were advised that [redacted] and [redacted] operations are cancelled for the month of January 1960.

25X1A h. Project [redacted] has been approved for execution during January.

25X1A i. Project [redacted] approval has been obtained from the 5412 Committee. The mission has been scheduled for January 1960.

25X1D [redacted]

k. Pending actions:

(1) Subject: [redacted] Recruiting Letter 25X1A
Date: 29 October 1959
Actionee: Acting Chief, DPD

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(2) Subject: [redacted] Operations Plan
Date: 25 November 1959
Actionee: Chief, Operations Branch, DPD

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(3) Subject: Request for [redacted]	Replacement	25X1A
Date: 9 November 1959		
Actionee: DPD/Personnel		
(4) Subject: [redacted] Extension		25X1A
Date: 27 November 1959		
Actionee: MMPD		

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